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That moment I found the praiseworthy and attractive—its stillness, its serenity, to gether with its strong and eager pulsing, its energy, its power, its life, its vitality, its shining as those rare, but absorbing, people whom you must have in some of your life, and who, when you are with them, whom you are sorry to see go out of the room. It could raise one's mood to the heights of joy and the seven heavens and hurl one down to those tireless rows where one has to move with three or four hundred people, and take each step by step—but it never bored, found life on the land in Canada to be a new experience, and it was a new thing to find in turn, but always inspiring."

While Blaine Clark's tribute to the Canadian prairie is a beautiful example of the numerous passages worth quoting. While herself apparently an advocate of the prairie, she also writes of the Canadian "where there is at least free air, wholesome food, and an education for all," and she says, "I never lost the opportunity to grasp the opportunity of life," she says: "I never lost an opportunity to improve the conditions of the immigrants from the authorities, different points of their organization, and the testimony of their own experience, and from the last in their experiences and dealings with English immigrants Canada has boundless room for her with a look of steel."

The narrative is illustrated by a series of royal snaphots.

ROYAL SUPERSTITIONS

It is not surprising that kings and rulers should be superstitious, even if it is only a superstition of their own mortality. Ninety-nine men out of a hundred, and all women, have within them a superstition of their own mortality where their superstitions are stored for their future beliefs in omens and portents.

the deeply buried thread of fate send its weird messages and warnings to our sight and hearing. The lives of rulers are peculiarly prone to such beliefs. They are so wholly artificial, they are so surrounded by the tremendous force of popular sentiment, they are so continually haunted by the spectre of sudden and violent death, that it is small wonder that the mystery of it all should take the form of superstition, which is no more than the mark of human deification. The ruler is usually an egotist, determined to reveal the incredible and to pierce the veil which is the most conspicuous of all objects on the horizon of intelligence. Then, too, we must remember that the ruler is usually an egotist.

He can hardly help believing that he is an object of peculiar interest to Providence—as indeed he must be if there is a Providence—and that for him at least there can be no event without its peculiar significance. And so nearly every ruler has his pet superstitions and the science of the day can not uproot them.

MISS BINNIE-CLARK contrives

on the table before him at the same time. He was still sitting down, served with more than one knife at a time. As soon as a knife has been used, it is placed on the table, and still upon the table together.

It is a superstition, and still a very strange superstition. It wears a racy quality which descended to him through his mother's blood. He has never been always been by the head of the table. It is said that during the reign of John of France, the king was observed to hop into the bedroom on the night of the event was considered to be of great importance. The stone was mounted in a ring and his subjects were forbidden to touch it since. He has also another lucky ring, which one of his ancestors took from the king of France, and which he wore on the ring originally bore a text from the Bible. The stone has been removed and a Latin cross engraved on the stone. Probably its magical properties too have been removed.

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AMERICANS FOR CANADA

LEARNED Englishmen with literary tendencies are writing essays and things to point out the danger that threatens Canada from American invasion. They have been studying statistics and are alarmed over the recent great influx of immigrants from the States into the Dominion. These new subjects of the king will, it is feared, in time wend Canada from her allegiance and turn her over to the big republic.

Such fears are, of course, quite groundless. They are about as sensible

as the German war scare. The Americans who are going into Canada intend that Canada will become their nation, which they will be as proud as they will always be of the land of their birth. They are going into the great northwest to cultivate the waste places, to add to the wealth of the Dominion. Canada needs immigrants, needs them imperatively. From no other quarter of the globe can she obtain new citizens so wholly desirable. They should be welcomed with the greatest cordiality.

One of the starters in the King's Plate will be among those entered in this important race. It will be a race with \$1,000 added by the association.

The Coronation Stakes will be for two-year-olds, foaled in Canada, and will be over a four and a half furlong route. This is rather a severe test for young colts at this season of the year, but the prize is a very attractive one. An excellent field. The added money is \$500 which makes the purse an excellent one.

Three-year-olds foaled in Canada will be asked to go a mile and a furlong in the Breeders' Stake, to be run in 1911, in which there will figure \$1,000 added money. This should call forth a number

The Lighter Side of Telephony

will have \$10,000 added money and the allowance prescribed with be a mile and a sixteenth. Both of these races will be run as the club directs, there being no settled date for either of them just at present. Only the death of the nominator can render any nominations in either of these two events void.

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Notwithstanding the curtailed racing season on the Canadian Circuit, some very clever thoroughbreds will be seen in this community this spring and summer. A recent arrival from Jacksonville has the word from a score of well

Down horses men who have assured him that they will be on hand when the bell rings at the Woodbine.

R. D. Williams, the Oklahoma owner and trainer, will be there with an exceptionally strong string, the most important of which will be that wonderful two-year filly Darling, winner of several straight races at Jacksonville. Besides Darling he will bring the two-year-olds Definite, Dell, Defier, Decency and DeFiar. The aged horses Catroke, Col Ashmeade, Jane Swift and ten others

Francis J. Pons, secretary-treasurer of the Monierf Park Association, will send a select few from his New York and western strings, under Trainer Dick Westmoreland. Among the lot will be Jack Parker, formerly owned by Hon. Adam Beck, of London, Ben Double Roseboro, Font, Flarney and a couple of two-year-olds, possibly Chess and Louis.

Jack Sturgis and Jim Hewitt will make the circuit with Pulka, Pocomoke, Ethon and a few others. Ethon has developed into a wonderful sprinter. Roxy Angarola and Jim Fitzsimmons will be on hand with Top Vote, a stake winner, High Rouge, a classy selling splatter, Royal Captive, Summer Night, Harvey F., and a bunch of others.

A F the many devices adopted by the

trained that year as last season, but Trainer Lew Marion will have Green Seal and Woodlinder in the Toronto Cup, and may incidentally bring along with a number of lesser lights to keep the good horses company. Green Seal won the Florida Special at Jacksonville in March, and Jim Gantz, for whom Marion refused \$10,000 for his contract, will be along to do the stable riding.

Jim Eyerman has a wonderboy fast printer in that good horse T. M. Grooms, and, providing the Kentuckian does come, he'll be looking for that early campaign at Lexington and Louisville, to sell make the jump here.

Score of the horsemen who raced in

There died the other day on an Illinois farm the trotting stallion Regalia. He had attained the extreme age of 36 years, and in his day represented the name of breeding in the harness horse line, although now the strains that composed his pedigree are seldom heard of.

of the best, when made a trotting stallion, and the dam of Regalia was a daughter of another former champion trotting stallion, the famous Ethan Allen, king of the Morgans. Jay Gould was as fashionably bred as any horse of his time, being by Rysdyk's Hambletonian and out of a mare by Seeley's American Star, and he was so fast and natural a trotter, once he showed his speed, that horsemen would over him. Jay Gould originally was known as Judge Brigham, and in colthood—having only ordinary speed—while being driven on the road took fright of a railroad train and bolted.

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of the sons sired three pacers, a poor showing, but the daughters were of far better calibre, as eleven of them produced standard speed, their total being eight trotters and six pacers. Regalia was bred by Richard Barstow, of Philadelphia.

Philadelphia, a unique character who for the time cut a wide swath in the breeding world. He was an actor of the old school, a contemporary of Forrest, and like most of his guild, not much of a business man. He had a lucky streak, however, and drew a \$75,000 prize in one of the old time lotteries, and it was this money that enabled him to follow the fad of trying to breed trotters. In the end he ran out of money, was bankrupt, and that time too old for active work, and became an inmate of the Forrest Home for Aged and Indigent Actors, dying

DAME FASHION'S DECREES

DAME FASHION has lots to crow about this season beside the "Chantrelle" fads which extend from hats to my lady's candy boxes. In fact the latest fashions consist of a diminutive "Chantrelle" perched on the cover of the sweet-meat box with a tiny trumpet in one claw. The Chantrelle hat has taken several forms beside that of the befeathered and bejeweled chapeau. It may also be a bisquit colored straw trimmed with red velvet, the color of the brilliant red comb of the barnyard aristocracy. Then there is the "Chantrelle" veil of large mesh black net with "Chantrelle" re-produced at intervals in heavy black figures, but such an extreme is more ridiculous than smart.

There is much to be learned from the ribbon sallowoman this season. She will tell you of the bordered ribbon gowns which are incomplete until finished with mullin, girles and



Gray Pongee Gown

bows. The stiff ribbons are selling again as well as the soft satins and messalines for millinery. The black ribbon has dominated in millinery for several seasons, but this year finds the colored velvets flooding the markets.

Some of the soft velvets with moire backs come in Alice blue, in plum color, in apricot and in sage. The "watered" backs make them as useful on one side as the other and the softness of texture makes graceful twisted trimmings possible. Among the more novel are the velvets, with a border of moire figures along one edge.

The metal effects are still popular and are used with ribbon and silks of old style. Supplanting the metal effects are the ribbons with the metal thread interwoven with the figures. Everywhere one sees large assortments of moire in every possible modish shade, plain, striped, floral, fancy or in two tone or place effect. Sales are still hot and it is not likely that this popularity will wane until the summer has ended; moires are capable of many fascinating arrangements and uses. Rich black, dark tinted and white moire ribbons for the coming autumn season will be popular.

For spring, lovely scarfs trimmed with the feathers of bright "tropical" birds are in preparation. Some are made entirely of feathers; not the plumes of rare birds, but just the feathers of our barnyard poultry, arranged with wonderful taste and skill. These scarfs are quite unlike the boas of former days. They are stoles which cover the shoulders, and are as supple as satin or pique. The lining is generally in a pale tint, with black platted mouseline over the front in a little plaiting at the edge. These scarves are rather costly so far, but they are so pretty that no one questions their price. These scarfs have been worn in Paris with muffs, but we are discarding muffs here, though the scarfs will be convenient for all summer wear on the beaches or porches.

Handsome parasols were shown with their ferrules leveled to the depth of three inches or so with shirred pongee, and instead of the regulation strap fastening a large ivory ring attached to a long ivory silk cord holds the folds in place. The ribs curl outward at the top, so that when closed the colored border has somewhat the effect of petals.

One new model is in light-blue satin, with a deep border of jetted net. The stick is in the purplish-blue hue of this satin, with a jet top. A jet ring serves as a clasp. Renaissance lace has been restored to favor for parasol tops, and is attractively combined with silk in soft blurred floral effects. A star-shaped parasol of white crocheted silk is a novelty, and likewise one of Dresden silk, with applique of point de Venise bands.

It has never been made clear to the casual observer where lies the beauty of crocheted lace, or of any other good lace, in fact, in color form, or in any form whatsoever, when it has been strung around the neck and hitched together somehow at the back.

This is neither wearing a collar nor making use of an elegant bit of lace. Merely to put on an article is not to make the best use of it.

The Irish collar, when it is in the shape of a stock, should be built up carefully by hand with a narrow edge of insertion matching it in pattern, until it covers the neck so that the wearer will enjoy its use.

In the event of its being the regulation size and, as usual, much too long for the delicately constructed throat, it is, by common consent, cut and basted into a graceful lion, then hemmed by hand with the finest of stitches and seventy seven. One side—the left—is permanently bound with a tape-covered collarbone and on this side lace buttons are sewed to the number of four or five for a high collar. Button-looped loops are made upon the edge of the right side.

Any good Irish or Chantrelle collar of a low cut, or any other neat network of less intrinsic value, demands a dress neck to fit. There will otherwise be a wretched transition, with pins showing or falling out.

When necks are neat, the whole woman gives the impression of being correctly garbed. Though we may not agree with her taste, we acknowledge her as equal or superior to our own under these adorably neat conditions. The reverse is true of the carelessly put together, whose guimpes are lapped three inches or more.

A safety pin is a safety pin, whether it be of gold or tin, and it is not a fitting finish for a wicker bull for the use of a mere cravat, and don't wear the turn-down linen collar, embroidered or plain, with a nine alone. The assumption is that the four-in-hand has been forgotten.

Solled rucking is an abomination in the eyes of the fastidious, but rather the pleasant of plain linen stocks or collars, which were built for neither comment nor commiseration.

With the influx of newwear it is scarcely believable that sufficient models are not furnished in the combined collar cases and shop windows to supply ideas to deft-fingered women.

There is little excuse for the carelessly fitted neck. If it is not possible, for reasons, to supply for yourself a goodly quantity of strong lace stocks, such as Clancy, which would

launders indefinitely, there are left to you dozens of neat turn-over collars and as many Windsor and four-in-hand ties or satin cravats to match the gingham or linen frock when the cloth suit has been stored for the season. Neck neatness is demanded of the well-dressed woman.

It is always worth while to do over a corset, no matter how soiled or dingy, if it is a good make and one that fits well and suits one's figure. For a very small sum the corset can be cleaned, patched where worn or broken and made quite presentable. Take it to the place where it came from to have this done—most of the department stores as well as the corset makers themselves will do such renovating. If an old pair of corsets is much discolored from wear or perspiration at the top of the shoulders, and the mesh will not clean out, it may be hidden by a piece of embroidery insertion put on very smooth and caught flat by stitches all over its surface. This will make it possible to get further wear out of these corsets for tennis or golf, without their showing dingy through the shirtwaist.

LEGENDARY CURSES

MANY curious legends are still current in European countries concerning curses, hereditary or otherwise. One of the most striking instances on record of the apparent fulfillment of a curse occurs in the history of a British family, the Montagues, original possessors of the Cowdray estate at Midhurst, now held by the Earl of Egmont. This estate belonged, in the days of Henry VIII., to the Roman Catholic Church, being a dependence of Ezeborough Priory. When the monasteries were taken over by Henry, the king presented the confiscated property to Viscount Montague, who, though himself a Roman Catholic, had, it appears, no scruple in accepting it.

The priors protested against the spoliation of the church, and finding such protest to be of no avail, she cursed the Montague family with the "curse of fire and water," and foretold its extinction.

It seemed, however, that so long as the Montagues continued Catholic the curse was inoperative. But in the eighteenth century the then Lord Montague married a daughter of the famous Countess of Huntingdon, and, under her influence, became a Protestant. This wedding of convenience held in the famous Cowdray Park, but efforts to hold similar meetings in the chapel always failed, owing to the fact that the lights were mysteriously extinguished.

It further appears that the first Protestant Montague, on his deathbed, reverted to the ancient faith, a circumstance which, it may be, accounts for the fact that, despite the curse, he died peacefully in his bed. But his son did not live to enjoy the estate. He was drowned in the Rhine while trying to shoot the falls of Schaffhausen; and the legend has it that the messenger was met at Calais by another messenger with the announcement that Cowdray House had burned to the ground.

This tragic fulfillment of the double curse of "fire and water" was such a severe blow that no effort seems to have been made to preserve the ruins, mansion or restore it in any way. The family removed to a lodge in the park, which has since been much enlarged and become the present Cowdray House.

The estate passed to the sister of the drowned heir, and, not many years later, the curse of water was again realized. Her two sons were drowned by the capsizing of a boat before the very eyes of their parents. The title went to the next male Montague in the succession, who died without heir, and the family became extinct.

As somewhat similar to this collection of coincidences, there may be cited the following:

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The Medicine Hat Times says:—“Having read the Taber Free Press there is nothing left but to sit down and die.” There are two other ways of shutting off the mortal coil, Brother Times. One is to read the Times political editorials and laugh oneself to death, or to do a little business with the Company and be skinned alive.

The Crop Conditions. Taber District will lose its crop this year, 1910, the Comet year, the year of the overthrow of the Rutherford Government, the year of the opening of the new Aubin mine, is to be numbered as the Jonah year in the history of Southern Alberta. We expected much; we got nothing but hot air. The Lord was not mindful of his own, but the God of the Bible was never a raucous or a wheat grower. He ran mostly to vineyards and she-asses, with a few two-humped camels thrown in for measure. We have the land left, Glory be, and its for sale, and it is selling, and we'll try once more, then some, and if the rain comes we'll all pray and give praise to the Bountiful Giver who let us half starve the year before. That's this year.

The one big day in Canada, Canada's National holiday is upon us. The Confederation Anniversary. God Save the King and God Bless Canada. Everyone knows the history of the event, but few know that of the Fathers of Confederation but two are left. The others have passed over the river. But Canada lives. This is her century. She is shaping herself into a nation, and her shape is comely. Of the stars in the British Crown, Canada is the most brilliant. The world realizes it, neighbors appreciate it, and of her best she is lending and sending the best to help us develop and grow. Before the present reigning generation will have stepped aside America will have sent us a million people and a thousand million dollars. Canada will appreciate and absorb them, they will trust her, and thrive within her borders.

God Bless Our Country.

By their works. The Hon. Archie, he of the modest demeanor, and the glad hand that means something, has been thinking of his neighbors. The homesteaders in the north valley are in a bad way. The crops are doomed, thanks to a smiling Providence, and the homesteaders are, naturally, worried. So the Hon. Archie got busy in their behalf. Work was progressing on the Southern Alberta Irrigation project. Were more men and teams wanted? A letter to J. D. McGregor, the Prime Factor would tell about it, and so Hon. Archie wrote, asking that the settlers with their teams be given work, if such was available. And now word is sent back to our own real member of the cabinet, he of the carbnacles and the everlasting patience, that work is available and at the disposal of every homesteader, with teams or without, and at the regular and adjusted wages.

“Mother, Mother, pin a rose on Archie,—but miss the carbnacles.”

The Political Situation. The fires are burning low along the fighting border. Politics and the hot weather are antagonistic. They have too much in common. Campaigning is hard work, and this most of us, not excepting ~~the Hon. Archie~~, feel rather lazy just at the moment. The Premier has the tired feeling over with him. After administration of a Province will be all too strenuous after a surfeit of the peaches and cream of the Chief Justiceship. Life in Edmonton and life in Banff are two different propositions. The Hon. Alex. Rutherford was content with Strathcona, but see what a sad ending there was to his career. The Irish country seemed to have a deteriorating effect.

Premier Sifton will be returned in Vermilion. It would hardly be gracious on the part of that constituency to turn him down, much, possibly, as they would like to. Then the west don't take kindly to dictation.

If the Conservative machine had kept their paddy paws off Vermilion, that body of voters would have returned Sifton by acclamation, loaded with obligations, as it is now he can twig his fingers at them for their opposition, and the chances are that he will do just that.

The Hon. Mitchell is having a family trouble in Medicine Hat. Walter Huckvale, his brother-in-law, a farmer-rancher, will give a demonstration of a son of the soil trampling a legal right to the point of extinction. Ex-Judge Mitchell will be defeated in Medicine Hat—that is if the Times is kept out of the fray. Keep that joke out of the field and while the humor of politics may be eliminated, yet the chances are good for the Conservative candidate to win. Judge Mitchell has no license to win in the Hat. The cabinet member will do them no good. Walter Huckvale is a clever man, and dear knows the opposition need some representatives with the courage of a jack rabbit.

Bennett is still in the ring, sleeves rolled up, a club in his hand and a chip on his shoulder. He is head and shoulders above the rest of the House with Premier Sifton, Archie McLean and Charlie Cross as exceptions. The Hon. Sifton has Bennett's measure as an orator. The Hon. Archie will equal him as an administrator, and Charlie Cross has no rivals as a legal adviser. Compared with him the Hon. Mitchell is a candle dip, in the bottom of a deep, deep well.

The best or worst of us have not yet discovered the worth of the Honorable Archie. Believe me, and don't take his word for it, Archie McLean is the strongest man in Alberta to-day. But that is another story.

From the Sanctums.

What the editors are saying.

Just Naturally Quit. It seems now, according to certain persons, that Premier Rutherford was not driven from power at all, but just got somewhat tired of the job and decided to quit. He said in his valedictory that there was so much opposition to him in the party that he couldn't make peace and get out. That is pretty close to being driven out. If there had been a crevice for even a toe hold he would still have been, on the job.—Albertan.

Conservative Campaign. Mr. R. L. Borden's political tour in Ontario is proving a most gratifying success. Every where the Conservative Leader is being most cordially welcomed, and the large gatherings he has addressed have been enthusiastic to a degree. In this speaking campaign Mr. Borden has adopted a new style.

Instead of trying to cover a large number of different topics in one speech, he confines each speech mainly to one topic and gives his hearers a clear view of every phase of it, so that they may thoroughly understand it, and carry away with them clear and definite impressions of the facts and of their bearing upon the Government's record and the needs of the country. It is far better for the public to understand one subject thoroughly, than to have only a half knowledge of many.

The impression produced by Mr. Borden's speeches so far is reported to be excellent.

Mr. Borden's present tour is not to big cities and Conservative strongholds, but to the smaller cities and counties held by Liberals, and it is in such places that his campaign is proving so full of promise.—Halifax Herald.

A Frost. Mr. Borden threatens to come west next year and spend the summer with us, and the West would receive him very well, even though the West remembers that wherever the Conservative leader moves there is a danger of frost and sudden and death dealing chill.—Albertan.

The Piper Wants His. Alberta is now called on to pay \$185,000, being the half yearly interest on the Great Waterways bonds. We have heard the melodious music of the Alberta government and now the piper has to be paid. All he wants is \$185,000—mere trifle, of course.

When the session opens the supporters of the government will make long speeches telling of the great benefits which have accrued to the province by the expenditure of this money. The gentleman from Lacoube will deliver another speech on bonds and the unbiased convictions of the honorable member for Ponoka will be reinforced by another \$500 if necessary—all this to prove that everything is fine and dandy along the Waterways.

The government is paying 5 per cent. on \$7,400,000, contributing it in half yearly installments. The wonderful development of the north country, which has already taken place will more than please the supporters of the government. The joyful tooting of the whistle far to the north of Edmonton and busy gangs pushing on to Fort McMurray—

But there are no tooting whistles—there is nothing going in construction work—Alberta is just paying out good money for nothing but the foolishness of a group of near-jointing. Calgary Herald.

“Trouble, Trouble, Trouble.” And why should Medicine Hat reject the candidature of Mr. Mitchell. At the last election it endorsed the candidature of Mr. Finlay by an enormous majority. Conditions have changed very much since that time, but all for the better.

The A. & G.W. incident is not before the people. That the A. & G.W. transaction was objectionable is not now questioned by any sincere and honest person, but the Liberal party itself took up arms against the government which was responsible for it, aid when the A. & G.W. transaction will be ended it will be the Liberal party that will put an end to it. The present premier and Mr. Mitchell, his chief lieutenant, are appealing to the two ridings for endorsement. They have the support of the legislature and are asking for the support of the electors in these ridings. Mr. Sifton has announced a policy in general that should appeal to the country, a policy of economy and of active development, the extension of railways and better highways. Upon that policy the electors can not but approve.

So, after all, the contest in Medicine Hat comes down pretty much to the matter of personal confidence in Mr. Mitchell. The electors are asked to decide whether or not he is a fit person to be in the Alberta cabinet. That is the principal question before the people of the riding.

The opposition urge that a member in opposition, not in the cabinet, can be of more value to the riding than a member of the government. That is questionable, but it will be surprising if the people of the riding will reject Mr. Mitchell in order to get an opposition member, just because he can get more for the riding.

Mr. Mitchell will make a very excellent cabinet minister. It is for the people of Medicine Hat to say whether or not he shall be a cabinet minister.—Albertan.

De Wetigo on de Petite Slave.

(BY CHEDJYV VAN DUSEN).

Dedicated to one of the younger members of the greatest police-force in the world—Const. Coleridge, R.N.W.M.P. and reproduced by courtesy, Armstrongs Magazine.

One tam long go, I pack de cayuse
On de “Baska” trail, to go far north,
I run de courier, mak’ no tam to lose,
Haf ta let a letter for de big Queen, her court.

Rouleau, he de sludge, he say to Robertson;
“Gif me un bon courier, de summons to, now, tak.”
An’ Robertson, he say, “Colin Fraser, he bring one,
A.P. Court, he say, ‘Tak to Clip’ w’an dis note.

De sludge, he say: “Tak to Clip” w’an dis note.
Tell de Pere Begin to fin’ de man,
Sen’ heem ‘cross de Petite Slave in boat,
Police pick heem up at No-Man-Lan.”

Well, sax day out, I mak de camp one night,
Picket de pack-cayuse, an’ ride-horse too,
Cook de snack an’ coffee, de snudge-fire light,
Watch de star come out, lissen at “Thraf,” he blow.

P’r soon mak de bed, an’ stretch me for a sleep,
Try me close up eyes, but wide day open be,
Lissen at de “Baska,” as she flow deep,
Catch de Spirit-Soun, soun, in trees.

Dat mak me wake up wide, an’ p’r soon
De cayuses dey stampede into de snudge,
Look like Wesaka wus chasing Wetigo aroun,
I so fright to be, can neither breathe or hudge.

Jus’ den I hear Wetigo call lak’ med’cin’ man.
Den I do know Spirits were about,
Soon he call ‘an’ say, tak, Wetigo, he can,
Den I mak prepar to git, soun, away out.

De trail at Two-Fall, she one horse trail,
But cayuse, dey mak de tam all soun’, come,
Wetigo, she keep call, we go lak’ helle,
Keep de pace, till de day, she came.

When de big soun, she come up,
Mak de camp again, mak de grub to cook,
Try to read de fate inside de cup,
Den mak’ de cross-sign, kiss de head an’ Book.

All Nort’ Country folk, dey know de Spirits live,
Dey know Wetigo leave murder’d man,
Dey know med’cin’ man, he cam’ all time, to give
Message to long pac’ dead in Spirit-land’

De Wetigo I hear, he come to me no doubt,
Me know I heeg L’Reine un bon courier, tell Police,
Dey fin’ de man dat let Wetigo out,
Dey go straight to spot lak’, all saine rifle crosse.

I sleep me till de break, she droppin’ down de hill,
Den as I start to brak’ de camp, a buck Cree
He walk in an’ point, tell me to stan’ still,
He de man I want, no look for, blood from nose to knee.

Den he tell me he fader haf Wetigo, he let Spirit go,
Tell me he on way path, if Poot all soun’, come,
Tell me he tak’ my close, I tak’ he close, you know,
Den he stay me wif de murder’d man, in teepce, home.

He heeg sax foot Cree, he begg hunt-knife,
Me, Paul Dhuhamel, heeg cross-way, strong, ever so,
I strip de coat, den I fight for lif’,
Pour l’honneur un bon courier, de L’Reine, I in go.

P’r soon de Cree he try for knife to stab,
I ketch his wrist, I treep heem, down he go,
Den I keek de knife away, an’ he troat I grab.
Now de fight come my way, he below.

P’r soon I clobke heem he lay still,
Den tie heem fas’ with picket line, running knot,
Mak’ my min’ up tak’ heem in for kill,
He fader, save Police de troub’, a lot.

I one day out from Pere Begin,
I leave de Cree behin’ all tied,
An’ mak’ de cayuse go lak’ win’,
M’sieu, it one heeg long hard ride.

Dat night I hand de Pries’, de Queen, she note,
Before de day we fin’ de man we want,
Send heem ‘cross de Petite Slave in boat,
Dat courier run, she mak’ me one long jaunt.

Fin’ de Cree mo’ work hisself loose fway,
Mak’ de bluff to shoot, he elim’ de horse,
Bring heem in to Fort Sash’ in sax full day,
Police, dey hit de Nort’ trail soun, of course.

I, me, Paul Dhuhamel, bon courier de L’Reine,
Wat you tink, dey keep me ‘bout for tree mont more,
To give de evidence, los’ all kind of time,
Get nothing for troub’, by Gar I sore.

Nex’ tam I hear Wetigo call on trail, in camp,
You bet I keep de travel go, fas’, all saine,
You never see me bring in Wood-Cree tramp,
I gif de Police a job, I work no more for beeg name.

NOTES EXPLANATORY.

Thraf.—The god who rides on the night wind. The Crees pray that he make his breeze sufficient to drive the pests away.
WeSaka.—The Spirit of Mischief. He it is who herds the mosquitoes, who stampedes the horses, who sets the dogs howling at night, who makes the babies restive, etc.

Wetigo.—The Indians believe that when an old man or woman betrays evidence of insanity, or becomes in any way afflicted with a nervous trouble, that they are affected by a Wetigo, which has lodged within them. To save the family from the results of the bad influence of such a Spirit in their midst, they too often let it free, by killing the person in whose body it is imprisoned. If the Wetigo does not want to be freed, it protests continually, and often will haunt the killer. The medicine men claim to converse with these spirits.

Barnwell Budget

The Primary organization gave a party to the children on June 3rd. Ice cream was served.

The Barnwell townsite people are engaged in sinking another well. It is hoped they will be successful in getting good water.

The Leonard Ward celebrated the anniversary of its organization on Victoria Day at the school house. A splendid programme was enjoyed. 150 people were in attendance and partook of a lunch.

O. P. Asplund's stable was burned on Saturday morning, June 11 while a south wind was blowing. The cause is unknown. A new set of harness, valued at \$60, 1200 pounds of oats, and a number of chickens were burned.

On Thursday the 16th, a party of Barnwell farmers with their families took advantage of the beautiful weather and went to the river for a day's outing. There were about fifty in the party. All enjoyed themselves immensely.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL

Messrs. J. and N. Irving of Diamond
City will be in town for July 1st.

Mr. Jas. Bateman intends to pay
a visit to his homestead this week.

Mr. Kathrens is in town to-day,
from his homestead at Purple
Springs.

Mr. J. Carr and son have gone to
Diamond City on a visit to Mr. and
Mrs. G. Vayro.

P. Carr, T. Carr and P. Whit are
in town this week from their home-
steads at Burdett.

The pillars for the new water tank
are in position, near the north west
corner of the town.

Miss Mabel Douglas went to Leth-
bridge on Tuesday. After a few days
spent with Mr. and Mrs. R. P.
Wallace, she will proceed to Ward-
ner, B.C.

Mr. W. W. Douglas with his two
sons, left on Saturday, for Wardner,
B.C. Mrs. Douglas, who is now on
a visit to her brother, will join them
there in a few days.

On Monday night the death oc-
curred of Alex, the four year old son
of Mr. and Mrs. William Patterson,
of the Canada West Mine Houses. He
was operated upon at Lethbridge
two months ago, but without avail.

The stork made another call at the
home of Geo. Gorham on Wednes-
day, June 15th, since when George
is trying to keep two new babies
from crying. That makes seventeen
of a family. Who said Taber was
not growing?

Mr. Knight's drilling engine ar-
rived Thursday, and was unloaded
the following day. He predicts that
in two months Taber will have
enough gas to put a new tail on the
comet and give Lethbridge all they
need besides.

Thursday night Winnifred brought
in an aggregation of baseball players
from every town between there and
the Hat, and played a punk match.
The score was 12-11 in favor of
Taber, but neither team had any-
thing to write home about.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell with their
daughter, of Westcliffe, Wash., are
spending a day with W. S. Russell
of the Pioneer Lumber Co. Mr.
Russell left on the flyer Friday with
his family to visit his mother-in-law
in County of Down, Ireland. He
expects to be gone three months.

We are pleased to note that on
Friday, at the sports, the Taber
Bakery will be on hand to dispense
their noted Ice Cream, also Fresh
Fruits, Confectionery, Lemonade,
Tea and Coffee, Ham Sandwiches,
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C. W. Yaggy has sold half interest
in his Driving Stallion, to M. J.
Conner at Warner. The horse will
stand there till the middle of next
month. The horse's name is Syl-
vester Knapp, a bright sorrel well
marked, coming three years old. His
sire is Panic Junior, dam sired by
Harlequin, all exceptionally speedy
harness horses. Lady Knapp with a
record of 2:04 1/2 is a full sister of this
colt. Next season Sylvester Knapp
will divide his time between Taber
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to each place.

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BIRTHS.

To Mr. and Mrs. J. Binette, on
Friday, June 18, a daughter.

To Mr. and Mrs. Clark Sherwood,
on Saturday, June 25, a daughter.

To Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Henderson,
on Wednesday, June 29, a son.

Last night, the new curtain at the
Palm Theatre was exhibited for the
first time. On it are eighteen spaces,
fourteen of which are filled. The
usual run of good films are still being
shown.

CROP REPORTS

**Extremely Hot Weather Having
Bad Effect in Brandon District.**

Brandon, June 27.—For the first
time this season leading farmers ad-
mit to-day that the scorching heat is
working injury on crops in the im-
mediate district. The Sunday tem-
perature was 96° with a hot wind.
To-day at noon the thermometer
registered 97° with a hotter wind
than ever and danger of heat record
for the season being broken before
the afternoon is over.

Prominent farmers agree that the
heat and wind are drying the land
right out, and the situation is be-
coming alarming as there is no in-
dication of immediate relief through
rain. Supt. Murray of the experi-
mental farm, says the crop is coming
along altogether too fast, the baking
heat drying up the land at a remark-
able rate. One field of wheat at the
Experimental Farm is heading out,
though only a few days ago there
was no signs of such premature re-
sult. Growing crops are very badly
in need of two days' rain, said Mr.
Murray at noon to-day.

Advices from districts lying west
are that the crop is looking fairly
well, but that rain is badly needed.

"The heat and wind, almost un-
paralleled here is surely making its
mark on the crop," said Peter
Middleton, one of Brandon's pioneer
farmers this morning. "Successive
days of high temperature and burn-
ing wind is wearing down the crop,
as evaporation is remarkable and the
moisture has been extracted to an
alarming depth. Early relief through
rain would help, but there are no
signs of needed moisture."

Arcole, Sask., June 29.—The in-
tense heat here was broken by a
rain, greatly relieving the crop
situation.

Winnipeg, June 29.—It is some-
what cooler in Saskatchewan and
Alberta and considerable rain has
fallen in the Moose Jaw district re-
lieving the situation, but so far the
Manitoba is concerned conditions
have not changed in the past twenty-
four hours. The heavy thunder
showers promised have not
materialized so far and temperature
over the hundred mark were re-
ported at several places yesterday,
and will be again to-day. High
arching winds continue. Apparent-
ly there is great discrepancy regard-
ing estimates of the present crop con-
dition, some experts holding that
with cooler weather and good rains
in July, wheat will pick up while
others think the damage already done
is irreparable. There is a suspicion
that many farmers are exaggerating
conditions to boost prices.

**Alarmist Reports From the
Dakotas.**

Duluth, Minn., June 27.—Accord-
ing to a statement made to-day by
A. D. Thompson, the grain situation
in the north west, especially in the
Dakotas is unusually serious. Re-
ports received here to-day bear out
the pessimistic declaration of Thomp-
son and grain men. Wheat, it is
estimated, will not be over half a
crop, and oats too have suffered
severely from drought. Flax and
other grains are in better shape but
continued lack of rain will have
serious effect on them. The eleva-
tor situation in Duluth is the worst
in twenty-five years and predictions
of an easy manipulative control of
the market are general. Expert
business is declared already out of
the question and the reinforcement
policies, already adopted by the
eastern banks, are being considered
by western institutions.

The Duluth Herald's estimate of
the South Dakota wheat crop is
sixty-eight to seventy per cent, as
compared with the government
estimate of June 1 of ninety-two per
cent. In Minnesota the estimate
shows deterioration of eight to ten
per cent with greatest loss in
western counties. The situation is
generally conceded to be the worst
in many years.

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